

# NISUS AND EURYALUS

## GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

*Demonstratives Hic, Ille, Iste; Special -ius Adjectives*

## WHEELLOCK: CHAPTER 9

*The legendary friendship between Nisus and Euryalus is the subject of a moving episode in the Aeneid, Vergil's great Roman epic.*

Aenēas Trōiānōs contrā Rutulōs dūcēbat. Dum nox erat et cōpiae dormiēbant, ducēs Trōiānōrum in castrīs cōsiliū habēbant. Ad hōs Nīsus Euryalusque, iuvenēs Trōiānī, audent venīre. "Ō magnī virī," dīcit Nīsus, "sī mē cum Euryalō ad castra Rutulōrum mittētis, nōn solum multōs nominēs necābimus, sed etiam multam praedam ex illīs rapiēmus; somnus enim istōs habet." "Animōs virtūtemque hōrum iuvenum laudō!" exclāmat Iūlus, filius Aenēae illius. "Valēte!"

Nunc veniunt Nīsus Euryalusque in castra Rutulōrum. Necant ūnum, tum multōs aliōs. Euryalus ōrnāmenta ūniūs, galeam alteriūs, rapit. Cum hāc praedā fugiunt. Sed Volcēns, dux Rutulōrum, illōs Trōiānōs videt et aliōs Rutulōs vocat. Splendor istiūs galeae illōs ad Euryalum dūcit. Nīsus hunc in periculō videt et audent amīcum servāre. Necat Volcentem, sed iste antea Euryalum necat. Tum aliī Nīsum vīcunt; hic super corpus Euryalī cadit.

Hanc fābulam tōtam Vergilius scrībet et hīs Trōiānīs fāmam perpetuam dabit.

## VOCABULARY:

- Aenēas, Aenēae, m.: Aeneas, famous Trojan, ancestor of the Romans  
Trōiānus, -a, -um: Trojan; Trōiānī, -ōrum, m. pl.: the Trojans, former inhabitants of Troy, now trying to establish a new home in Italy  
contrā (preposition + accusative): against  
Rutulī, -ōrum, m. pl.: Rutulians, ancient inhabitants of Latium, the area of Italy around Rome  
nox, noctis, f.: night  
dormiō, -ire, -īvī, -ītus (4th conjugation): to sleep, be asleep  
dux, ducis, m.: leader  
castra, -ōrum, n. pl.: camp (military)  
cōsiliū, -iī, n.: meeting for deliberation, planning session  
Nīsus, -ī, m.: Nisus, a Trojan soldier  
Euryalus, -ī, m.: Euryalus, a Trojan soldier  
iuvenis, -is, m.: young man, youth  
veniō, -ire, vēnī, ventus (4th conjugation): to come  
dicō, -ere, dīxī, dictus: to say  
cum (preposition + ablative): with  
mittō, -ere, mīsī, missus: to send  
praeda, -ae, f.: loot  
rapiō, -ere, rapuī, raptus (3rd -iō conjugation): to snatch  
somnus, -ī, m.: sleep  
exclāmō (1): to cry out, call out  
Iūlus, -ī, m.: Iulus, son of Aeneas  
ōrnāmentum, -ī, n.: decoration, fancy clothing  
galea, -ae, f.: helmet  
fugiō, -ere, fūgī, fugitūrus (3rd -iō conjugation): to flee  
Volcēns, -entis, m.: Volcens, Rutulian leader  
splendor, -ōris, m.: brightness, shine  
anteā (adverb): before, earlier  
super (preposition + accusative): above, on top of  
cadō, -ere, cecidī, cāsūrus: to fall (dead)  
fābula, -ae, f.: story, tale  
Vergilius, -iī, m.: Publius Vergilius Maro (70–19 B.C.), a renowned Latin poet

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quero, quere, queri - to want

curio = while

copio, copio, f. - troops, forces

habeo, habeo, habui - to have

-que = and

audeo, audeo, - to dare

magis, - a, sum = great

vir, - i, m. = man

si = if

deco, decere, decui - to decorate, ball

exim = for

animos, - i, m. = spirit, mind

virtutes, virtus, virtutis, f. = virtue, manliness

laudo, laudo, laudavi - to praise

usus, - us, m. = use

alios, - i, m. = either another

vide, vidi, vidi - to see

voce, vocare, vocavi - to call

periculum, - i, n. = danger

curios, - i, m. = friend

seruo, seruire, serui - to serve, guard, serve

vincere, vici, - to conquer, overcome

delego, deleo, deleo, m.

scribo, scribo, scripsi - to write

manus, - u, f. = hand, whomever

propetuo, - a, - i, m. = endless, forever